

#3/A PB

VIA FACSIMILE
703-872-9318

4-14-03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

JHU/APL Docket No.: 1327-DARPA

Serial No.: 10/031,041

Group Art Unit: 2881

Filed: January 15, 2002

Examiner: J. J. Leybourne

Inventors: Charles W. Anderson
Peter F. Scholl
Ronald G. Chappell
Wayne A. Bryden
Harvey W. Ko
Scott A. EcelbergerFor: SAMPLE COLLECTION PREPARATION METHODS FOR TIME-OF-
FLIGHT MINIATURE MASS SPECTROMETER

FAX RECEIVED

APR 04 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's communication transmitted via facsimile on April 1, 2003 (copy enclosed), please amend the above-referenced application as set forth herein.

Note, Applicant is submitting amendments using the revised amendment format set forth in OG Notice, 1267 OG 106, dated February 25, 2003.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark

Office on April 4, 2003

Francis A. Cooch

4/4/03

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
Applied Physics Laboratory
11100 Johns Hopkins Road
Laurel, Maryland 20723-6099

OFFICE OF PATENT COUNSEL
FAX COVER SHEET

TO: James J. Leybourne
Group Art Unit : 2881
FROM: Liz Bunda-Lee for Francis A. Cooch, Esq.

DATE: 4/4/03 TIME OF TRANSMISSION:

SENDING FAX NUMBER: +1-240-228-5254

RECEIVING FAX TELEPHONE NUMBER: 703-872-9318

FAX OPERATOR: Liz Bunda-Lee

NUMBER OF PAGES (INCLUDING COVER SHEET): 11 ^{FAC}

COMMENTS:

See attached Preliminary Amendment. Thank you.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to
the Patent and Trademark

Office on

April 4, 2003

Francis A. Cooch

4/4/03

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

WARNING: THE DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING THIS FAX TRANSMISSION CONTAIN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BELONGING TO THE SENDER WHICH IS LEGALLY PRIVILEGED. THE INFORMATION IS INTENDED ONLY FOR THE USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE. IF YOU ARE NOT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY DISCLOSURE, COPYING, DISTRIBUTION, OR TAKING OF ACTION ON THE CONTENTS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IF YOU RECEIVE THIS FAX IN ERROR, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY US BY TELEPHONE.

SHOULD YOU ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTY IN RECEIVING THIS DOCUMENT,
PLEASE CONTACT US AT (240) 283-5637 or (443) 778-5637.

04/01/03 15:46:22

USPTO->

2402285254 RightFAX

Page 001

TO: Francis A. Cooch COMPANY: Johns Hopkins Univ.



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Facsimile Transmission****FAX RECEIVED**

To: Name: Francis A. Cooch
 Company: Johns Hopkins Univ.
 Fax Number: (240) 228-5254
 Voice Phone:

APR 04 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

From: Name: James J. Leybourne
 Voice Phone: (703) 305-7067
 Fax: (103) 872-9318

37 C.F.R. 1.6 sets forth the types of correspondence that can be communicated to the Patent and Trademark Office via facsimile transmissions. Applicants are advised to use the certificate of facsimile transmission procedures when submitting a reply to a non-final or final Office action by facsimile (37 CFR 1.8(a)).

Fax Notes:

Date and time of transmission: Tuesday, April 01, 2003 3:45:40 PM
Number of pages including this cover sheet: 02

Received from <2402285254> at 4/4/03 11:57:12 AM [Eastern Standard Time]

BEST AVAILABLE COPY 1 AVAILABLE COPY